schools for a period of maximum three years to prepare them to join the regular education system. At present, approximately 3.30 lakh children withdrawn from work are enrolled in the special schools under the NCLP Scheme. So far, under the scheme, 3.92 lakh children have already been mainstreamed into formal education system. Out of this, 1.36 lakh children have been mainstreamed between the years 2003-04 to 2005-06.

ESI hospitals in Bihar and Maharashtra

4536. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar and Maharashtra have requested for setting up of more ESI hospitals under ESI Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Schools for child labourers in Bihar and Maharashtra

4537. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open schools for child labourers in Bihar and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the districts where these schools have been opened/ will be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government has sanctioned projects for running Special Schools under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme, in 24 districts in Bihar and 13 districts in Maharashtra State for the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work. Government has also sanctioned Special schools in five districts of Maharashtra State under the Indo-US (INDUS) Child Labour